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WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

The Reports are Better than Expected

The following bulletin covers the weather and crop conditions for the week ending Saturday, April 25th, and in its preparation were used reports from one or more correspondents in each county of the State :

The dry weather was greatly relieved by a rain that covered the entire State during the afternoon of Friday, the 24th, with the exceptions of parts of Fairfield County, where it was a drizzle.

The north central counties, including Richland, Fairfield, Union, Newberry, York, Lancaster and Sumter, had least rain with amounts in no place

ally less than 0.25 of an inch; in the extreme western counties the rain was somewhat heavier, and also in the Sacramento Valley. The total rainfall for portions of the State the rainfall averaged from 0.50 of an inch to 1.80 inches.

No rain is needed and no crop has had enough.

The beneficial effects of the rain were increased by the generally cloudy weather during the latter part of the week. The first of the week was almost cloudless. The sunshine averaged about 74 per cent of the possible.

The rain was quite beneficial. On the 24th were accompanied in many places by vivid lightning and high winds, the latter having reached all most of the Sacramento and Colusa counties, with considerable damage to fencing, forests and to buildings, but crops were too small to have suffered injury.

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The general condition of the crops, except where the rainfall was most copious, and only vegetation was freshened and vitalized, but over the greater portion of the State the need of rain has not been met. It is especially so by the accounts that have been received from the farmers that fell early in many places, and that only surface wetting. The northern tier counties fared best in the matter of rainfall, and there all crops and vegetation are looking well at the close of the week.

Ravages by insects are this week reported from various portions of the State: Colorado beetles in York, Charleston and Beaufort counties; a small but annoying pest in the corn in York; cut worms are destructive, in the corn and gardens in Lexington County, and other reports of less specific nature indicate the prevalence of insect pests over a large portion of the State.

The majority of correspondents report corn in fine condition, with good

stands, healthy color, and growing off well, in view of the dry weather. Bottom lands are yet to plant largely, but more corn is being planted than a year ago before it can be prepared. Early planted corn is in some instances receiving its second working. Later plantings are coming up slowly but satisfactorily. The planting season is in a very fine, promising condition over the entire State.

Cotton planting has progressed fairly well, having been resumed since the rains. The average of the best sections report from 10 to 25 per cent. yet to plant. That of earliest planting is up to pretty good stands, but hardly to the point of weeding, while later planting is coming up slowly, but will be helped by the rains where heavy enough. The cotton crop has generally made satisfactory advance over the previous year, and has, where up, a good healthy color, and is receiving its first plowing.

Some tobacco has been transplanted in the northeastern counties where

but more and more heavy rains are needed to make transplanting safe, and so this work was not pushed during the week. Reports from Kershaw County state that many beds failed, that in consequence of the scarcity of plants lands that were fertilized and prepared for tobacco will be planted to other crops principally cotton. Generally tobacco plants are looking fine.

Wheat is heading low, but retains a good color. Fall oats are heading very low; were greatly helped by the rains, but need more rain. Spring oats con-

Rice, sugar-cane, melons and the usual minor crops are being largely planted, and where up are growing well, but with these, as all other seed, germination ~~very~~ slow.

In places sweet potato slips are ready for setting. Fruits look promising generally, and apples particularly so, in the western counties. Wild blackberries are blooming finely and promise to be plentiful.

Farm work is well advanced and is up with the needs of the crops. Up-land pastures are failing for want of

The advantage in crop conditions now exists with the eastern portion of the State, while on the previous week it was with the western portion, the rains having caused the difference.

J. W. BAUER, Director.

—Among the packages of money received at the treasury redemption bureau last week from the sub-treasury at Chicago for redemption was a counterfeited note of the denomination of \$100. It was an old note, of the series of 1872, very ragged and very dirty. The note had been in circulation for many years and performed all the offices of money without its genuineness being suspected. It had been accepted at the sub-treasury at Chicago as good. And yet, according to the clerk who instantly picked it out of a roll of other notes, it was but a very

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WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

The Reports are Better than Expected
—Unusual Heat in April.

The following bulletin covers the weather and crop conditions for the week ending Saturday, April 25th, and

in its preparation were used reports from the local correspondents in each county of the State.

Hot weather continued the entire week, but with a gradual tendency towards lower temperature. There was much dryness, also, that tended to make the heat very unbearable during the previous week. The excess in temperature averaged ten degrees per day over the normal, ranging from 85 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit in various portions of the State. The heat was evenly distributed; thirty-two stations, reporting mean temperature, did not differ more than 2 degrees for the week.

A maximum temperature of 98 was recorded at Gillisonville on the 20th, and the week's minimum of 57 was recorded at New Market the 21st, and at Society Hill on the 25th.

The dry weather was greatly relieved in places by rains that covered the entire State during the afternoon and night of Friday, the 24th, with the exceptions of the counties of Fairfield County, where no rain fell.

The north central counties, including Richland, Fairfield, Union, Newberry, York, Lancaster and Sumter, had least rain with amounts in no place exceeding 0.50 of an inch and generally less than 0.25 of an inch; in the

Since the western counties the rain was scarce, and the crops were suffering in the Yampah Valley, while in the eastern portions of the State the rainfall averaged from 0.50 of an inch to 1.80 inches.

Though the rain is needed and no crop has had enough.

The beneficial effects of the rain were increased by the generally cloudy weather during the latter portion of the week. The sun was absent for almost cloudless. The sunshine averaged about 74 per cent of the possible.

The thunder storms of Friday evening were accompanied in many places by vivid lightning and, in some places, the latter having reached almost tornado force in Aiken County, did considerable damage to fencing, fences, and buildings. The winds were too small to have suffered injury. High winds were quite general on that day, but the resulting damage, if any, was slight.

There is little change to record in the general condition of crops, except where the rainfall was most copious all vegetation was freshened and vigorous, and the greater portion of the State the need of rain has not been materially lessened by the amounts that fell, which in many places gave only surface wetting. The northeastern portion of the State had no rain, and there all crops and vegetation were looking well at the close of the week.

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The majority of correspondents report corn in fine condition, with good stands, healthy color, and growing off

well, in view of the dry weather. Bottom lands are yet to plant largely, but early rains are needed to soften the ground. Cotton is planted in some places. Early planted corn is in some instances receiving its second working. Later planting coming up slowly but satisfactorily. The weather is not so favorable as is in a very fine, promising condition over the entire State.

Cotton planting has progressed fairly well, owing to the rain since the rains, and is nearly finished; different sections report from 10 to 25 per cent. yet to plant. That of earlier planting is nearly all up, and is in some places satisfactory ones, while later planting is coming up very slowly, but will be helped by the rains where heavy showers are expected. The weather has made satisfactory advance over the previous week, and has, where up, a good, healthy color, and is receiving its full benefit.

Some tobacco has been transplanted in the northeastern counties where the rains made the ground wet enough. Early planted tobacco plants are needed to make transplanting and the necessary work was not pushed during the week. Reports from Pershaw County state

Many crops are raised, but the "cotton" counties, the "sugar" counties, and the "wheat" counties that were fertilized and prepared for tobacco will be planted to other crops, principally cotton. Generally tobacco is raised in the "cotton" counties.

Wheat is heading low, but retains a good color. Fall oats are heading very low; were greatly helped by the rains, but are not yet ripe. Corn is beginning to fail, and any amounts of rain would scarcely bring it into a condition to make a crop.

Oranges, lemons, melons and the usual minor crops are being largely planted, and where up are growing well, but with these, as with all other seed, germination is slow.

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